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Letter dated 18 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you on behalf of my Government to strongly condemn the blatant, continuous ceasefire violations of Azerbaijan and to call for their immediate cessation.

Azerbaijani armed forces target Armenian positions and settlements on a daily basis along the line of contact between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan and the Armenian-Azerbaijani state border, ignoring the calls by the international community on the sides to commit themselves to the Olympic Truce during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russian Federation, which Armenia willingly accepted and by which it abides.

Since last month, the Azerbaijani side has fired incessantly in the direction of the villages of the Tavush region of the Republic of Armenia, inflicting firearm wounds on civilians. There was a serious escalation of the situation on the line of contact as a result of attempted infiltrations by the Azerbaijani military into the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. Since 20 January such Azerbaijani provocations have led to two casualties in the ranks of Defence Army of Nagorno-Karabakh. There were reports of casualties on the Azerbaijani side as well.

We are deeply concerned with regard to these incidents, and feel sorrow for the lost lives of the young soldiers. Such systematic abuses by Azerbaijan of the principles of international law, namely, the non-use of force and the threat of use of force, seriously endanger regional peace and security. This is particularly disconcerting in the context of the recent military threats by Azerbaijan and the most recent belligerent statements by Azerbaijani leadership jeopardizing the peace process mediated by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

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The above-mentioned gives solid ground to conclude that the actions of certain Azerbaijani detachments are either not properly subject to a chain of command or that these provocations are deliberately intended to destabilize the situation in the region.

As for the allegations of the Azerbaijani propaganda machine, claiming that the Armenian side violates the ceasefire regime at different parts of the line of contact, I would like to inform you that the dissemination of this kind of misinformation is part of the pitiful attempts made by representatives of the Azerbaijani Government at different levels to mislead broader international opinion, as well as its own public opinion.

The persistence of such provocations emphasizes the importance of complying with 1994 ceasefire and 1995 ceasefire strengthening agreements concluded on a trilateral basis, as well as of implementing the proposals to withdraw snipers and create an investigative mechanism on ceasefire violations.

The clear and unequivocal commitment to the ceasefire and confidence building by the parties concerned will definitely serve as a crucial factor in creating a conducive environment for the peace process as much as every death of a soldier or a civilian on the line of contact between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan and on the state border between Armenia and Azerbaijan will create new serious predicaments towards that end.

Upon instructions from my Government, I would also like to draw your attention to the data on violations of the ceasefire regime by Azerbaijan on the line of contact with Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border recorded during January 2014.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Garen **Nazarian**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 18 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1-31 January 2014

1. On the line of contact between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan:

Total number of violations — 2,750

Total number of shots ~ 22,446

AK ~ 17,078, PK ~ 3,834, SVD ~ 926, DSHK ~ 191, RPK ~ 128, Black arrow ~ 85, Istigall ~ 161, Utyos ~ 40, NSVP ~ 3.

2. On the borderline of the Republic of Armenia (see table below):

Total number of violations — 363

Total number of shots ~ 10,457

AK ~ 1,125, PK ~ 5,715, SVD ~ 141, DSHK ~ 3,391, RPK ~ 12, Black arrow ~ 56, Istigall ~ 9, NSVP~ 8.

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
1	1 January	Movses	0025	AK	7	
2		N.Karmiraghbyur	0125		1	
3			1750		1	
4		Berqaber	0300		15	
5		Sevakavan	1830		1	
6		Mehrab	2140	SVD	12	
7	2 January	Chinari	1300	SVD	3	
8		Aygepar	1745	AK	2	
9		Barcruni	1810		1	
10		Vazashen	2100		4	
11	3 January	Movses	0220	SVD	1	
12			0305		1	
13			0400		2	

Abbreviations: AK, Kalashnikov rifle; PK, Kalashnikov machine gun; SVD, 7.9 mm sniper weapon; DSHK, 12.7 mm machine gun; RPK, 5.45 mm machine gun; Black arrow, 12.7 mm sniper weapon; Istigall, 14.5 mm machine gun; Utyos, 12.7 mm machine gun; NSVP, 12.7 mm machine gun.

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
14			0555		1	
15			1240	AK	1	
16		Aygepar	0225	AK	1	
17			0630		2	
18		Vazashen	2140		8	
19		N.Karmiraghbyur	2130		1	
20		Berdavan	2245		16	
21	4 January	Aygepar	0245	AK	10	
22			0320		1	
23			0520	PK	6	
24		Movses	0540	PK	2	
25			1540	AK	4	
26		Khndzorut	1445		1	
27		Paravaqar	2215	PK	15	
28	5 January	Movses	1450	AK	12	
29	6 January	Aygepar	0110	AK	4	
30		Berqaber	1730	SVD	1	
31		Voskepar	2020	AK	3	
32		Chinari	2240		6	
33	7 January	N.Karmiraghbyur	0035	AK	2	At 1610 near Chinari village on the borderline with Azerbaijan in combat position soldier Vazgen Hovhanisyan was wounded from Azerbaijani side
34			0150	PK	5	
35		Movses	1045	AK	3	
36		Berqaber	1140	SVD	5	
37		Chinari	1610		2	
38		Aygedzor	2330	AK	7	
39	8 January	Movses	1230	AK	1	
40			1245		1	
41			1255	PK	4	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
42		Aygepar	1255	AK	10	
43		N.Karmiraghbyur	1915	PK	10	
44	9 January	Paravaqar	0830	Black arrow	2	
45		N.Karmiraghbyur	1400	AK	1	
46				PK	1	
47			1530-1625	DSHK	50	
48				PK	40	
49			1530-1625	DSHK	70	
50				PK	12	
51			1530-1625	PK	90	
52			1700	DSHK	5	
53		Aygepar	1510	PK	3	
54			1530-1625	DSHK	6	
55			1700		20	
56		Movses	1530-1625	DSHK	15	
57			1700	SVD	3	
58		Chinari	1545	AK	5	
59				SVD	1	
60	10 January	Movses	1330	PK	1	
61			2030-2155		580	
62			2030-2155	DSHK	300	
63		Aygepar	1405	PK	1	
64			2030-2155		385	
65			2030-2155	DSHK	420	
66		N.Karmiraghbyur	1455	PK	10	
67			1530		60	
68			2030-2155	DSHK	130	
69				PK	1200	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
70		Paravaqar	1920	AK	7	
71			1925		15	
72	11 January	Movses	0530	PK	1	
73		Aygepar	1525	Black arrow	3	
74			1730	DSHK	1	
75			1805	SVD	3	
76		N.Karmiraghbyur	1635	AK	1	
77	12 January	Sarigyugh	1630	AK	6	
78		Barekamavan	1725		7	
79		Movses	1835		2	
80	13 January	Aygedzor	1520	PK	4	
81			1540	AK	5	
82		Aygepar	1555	PK	2	
83			1630	AK	3	
84			1850	PK	3	
85	14 January	Chinari	0000	SVD	5	
86		Movses	0720	PK	6	
87	16 January	Paravaqar	1400	AK	4	
88		Aygepar	1855		3	
89		Mehrab	2045	SVD	7	
90	17 January	Movses	1010	PK	1	
91			1435	AK	2	
92			2120		4	
93		Berqaber	1100		1	
94		Aygepar	1940		1	
95	18 January	Aygepar	1300	AK	7	
96			1325	Black arrow	3	
97			2200	AK	4	
98			2200		8	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
99			2210		4	
100		Aygedzor	2245		10	
101	19 January	Movses	0445	AK	2	At 2350 near Jraberd village on the line of contact in combat position soldier Armen Hovhanisyan was fatally wounded in the aftermath of Azerbaijani subversive actions
102			1000		1	
103			2055		1	
104		Aygepar	2055		1	
105			2130		2	
106	20 January	Chinari	1210	SVD	2	
107			1850	Black arrow	2	
108			2240		3	
109		Agarak	1410	AK	6	
110			1545		4	
111		Barcruni	1655		1	
112		Sarigyugh	2015		4	
113			2100	PK	7	
114		Berqaber	2015	SVD	2	
115		Sevqar	2100	AK	3	
116		Aygepar	2130		1	
117		Azatamut	2132		4	
118		Paravaqar	2135	SVD	1	
119		Aygedzor	2215	AK	20	
120	21 January	N.Karmiraghbyur	0025	AK	10	
121			0115		3	
122		Movses	0135	SVD	2	
123		Aygedzor	0545	AK	3	
124	22 January	Barcruni	1615	AK	1	
125		Aygepar	1835	AK	2	
126			1945	PK	7	

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127			2030-2200	DSHK	80	
128				PK	50	
129		N.Karmiraghbyur	1955	PK	10	
130			2030-2200	DSHK	70	
131				PK	445	
132				AK	70	
133		Movses	2030-2200	DSHK	90	
134				PK	250	
135		Paravaqar	2030-2200	PK	20	
136				AK	12	
137		Vazashen	2140	AK	10	
138			2150		6	
139		Chinari	2200	AK	21	
140			2300		48	
141			2300	SVD	3	
142			2330		1	
143			2340	AK	10	
144	23 January	Paravaqar	0025	AK	18	At 2150 a young woman from the village Aygepar was wounded from the Azerbaijan side
145		Aygepar	0110	PK	5	
146			0140	AK	4	
147			0200	DSHK	15	
148			0250	AK	4	
149			0325	DSHK	15	
150			1705	Istigall	7	
151			1750	AK	10	
152			2110	DSHK	16	
153			2115	NSVP	8	
154			2145-2325	DSHK	565	
155				PK	500	

No	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
156		Chinari	0150	SVD	2	
157			1145	Black arrow	1	
158			1720	AK	10	
159			1720	SVD	7	
160			2230	Black arrow	20	
161				DSHK	60	
162		N.Karmiraghbyur	0340-0500	DSHK	170	
163				PK	350	
164			2145-2325	DSHK	60	
165				PK	120	
166			2300	DSHK	40	
167		Berqaber	1625	DSHK	2	
168		Vazashen	1710	AK	6	
169				SVD	3	
170			2047	AK	35	
171		Barcruni	1930	AK	3	
172			2115	PK	6	
173		Berdavan	2020	AK	5	
174				PK	9	
175			2115	PK	4	
176				DSHK	6	
177		Voskepar	2035	AK	9	
178				PK	10	
179			2040	AK	9	
180		Sarigyugh	2040	AK	8	
181		Movses	2145-2325	DSHK	380	
182				PK	330	
183	24 January	Aygepar	0340-0500	DSHK	77	
184				PK	220	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
185			1810	AK	1	
186			2010		6	
187			2130	PK	35	
188			2200	AK	15	
189			2300	DSHK	10	
190				PK	12	
191		Movses	0340-0500	DSHK	100	
192			1900	DSHK	9	
193			1910	DSHK	6	
194			1855	DSHK	1	
195			2035	AK	5	
196				SVD	3	
197			2050	DSHK	27	
198				PK	20	
199			2215	PK	20	
200			2240	DSHK	27	
201				PK	20	
202			2245	DSHK	10	
203		Berdavan	1530	AK	12	
204			2250	PK	5	
205		N.Karmiraghbyur	1540	AK	15	
206			1920	PK	20	
207		Amaghu	2030	RPK	5	
208		Aygedzor	2140	AK	2	
209		Vazashen	2215	SVD	6	
210			2230	AK	40	
211			2250	DSHK	50	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
212		Chinari	2320	AK	10	
213				DSHK	30	
214				AK	25	
215		Barcruni	2300	AK	4	
216		Paravaqar	2310	DSHK	15	
217	25 January	Chinari	0030	AK	12	
218			0040	PK	10	
219			0250	AK	10	
220			0300	AK	20	
221				PK	20	
222		N.Karmiraghbyur	0020	DSHK	20	
223				PK	30	
224			0125	DSHK	8	
225			0140	PK	5	
226			0215	DSHK	20	
227			0300	DSHK	25	
228			0400	PK	20	
229			2025	DSHK	10	
230			2030		35	
231			2200	PK	8	
232		Movses	0045	PK	50	
233			0230	DSHK	27	
234		Aygepar	0200	DSHK	10	
235				SVD	4	
236				PK	15	
237			0320	PK	10	
238			0330	DSHK	20	
239			2250	AK	15	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
240			2250	PK	30	
241			2320		40	
242		Voskepar	1340	AK	13	
243		Amaghu	1745		5	
244		Kiranc	1815		3	
245		Berqaber	1317	SVD	10	
246				AK	15	
247		Aygedzor	1830	SVD	20	
248	26 January	Aygepar	0045	PK	3	
249			0150		15	
250			0225	AK	5	
251			0340	PK	50	
252			0420	PK	15	
253				DSHK	12	
254			0800	PK	1	
255			1330	AK	7	
256			1340		5	
257			2230		2	
258			2340		2	
259		Movses	0110	DSHK	5	
260			0800	PK	2	
261			2340	AK	2	
262		N.Karmiraghbyur	0110	DSHK	7	
263			0225		9	
264			0340		6	
265			0440	PK	20	
266			0500		3	
267			0505	DSHK	5	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
268		Chinari	1840	RPK	4	
269			2330	PK	10	
270		Mehrab	2200	PK	2	
271		Berqaber	1430	SVD	4	
272	27 January	N.Karmiraghbyur	0020	AK	3	
273		Berqaber	0030	PK	4	
274			0230	AK	15	
275				DSHK	6	
276			2045	SVD	1	
277		Aygedzor	0145	PK	25	
278		Aygepar	0150	AK	5	
279			1455	SVD	2	
280			1640	Black arrow	1	
281			1715	PK	8	
282				SVD	3	
283			2315		2	
284		Movses	0235	AK	3	
285			0310		2	
286		Chinari	0400	AK	15	
287			1905	PK	30	
288			1925		6	
289		Dovegh	1355	PK	4	
290		m.Omar	1630-1700	Istigall	2	
291	28 January	Sarigyugh	0120	AK	21	At 1653 near Verin Ch.ylu village on the line of contact in combat position soldier Karen Galstyan was fatally wounded from the Azerbaijan side
292			0030	PK	20	
293		Berqaber	0030	AK	5	
294			2110		4	
295			2300	Black arrow	4	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
296			2325	DSHK	5	
297				PK	100	
298		N.Karmiraghbyur	0055	SVD	2	
299			1540	DSHK	7	
300				PK	15	
301			2100	DSHK	47	
302		Aygepar	0215	AK	1	
303				DSHK	2	
304			0430	AK	4	
305			0620		4	
306			0840	DSHK	2	
307			1030	Black arrow	2	
308			1920	PK	4	
309			1405	SVD	1	
310				Black arrow	2	
311			2110	DSHK	27	
312			2200	PK	40	
313				AK	40	
314		Movses	0310	SVD	1	
315			0430	AK	5	
316			2000	Black arrow	3	
317				RPK	3	
318			2100	PK	10	
319			2200	DSHK	40	
320				AK	40	
321		Paravaqar	1125	PK	25	
322				DSHK	3	
323		m.Gyamish	1850	PK	10	
324			2100-2210	DSHK	50	

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325				PK	50	
326				SVD	10	
327	29 January	Vazashen	0530	AK	10	
328				PK	10	
329		Aygepar	0630	AK	2	
330			1450		1	
331			1945		1	
332			2050		2	
333			2310		3	
334		N.Karmiraghbyur	1125	DSHK	6	
335		Mehrab	1315	Black arrow	4	
336			1705	SVD	2	
337				AK	3	
338		Movses	1545	PK	3	
339		Baghanis	1550	Black arrow	5	
340		m.Qyoroghludagh	2130	PK	30	
341			2130		15	
342	30 January	N.Karmiraghbyur	0045	DSHK	8	
343			0415		6	
344			1230		4	
345			1600	PK	6	
346			1715		1	
347			2340	DSHK	11	
348		Berdavan	0111	PK	8	
349		Aygepar	1230	Black arrow	1	
350			2030	AK	16	
351			2110		20	
352			2345	PK	5	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
353			2355	PK	10	
354				AK	10	
355		Voskepar	1345	AK	14	
356			2000		2	
357		Movses	2120		1	
358		Amagu	2240		2	
359	31 January	Movses	0035	AK	10	
360			0040		8	
361			1240		1	
362		Aygepar	0115		7	
363			2355		1	